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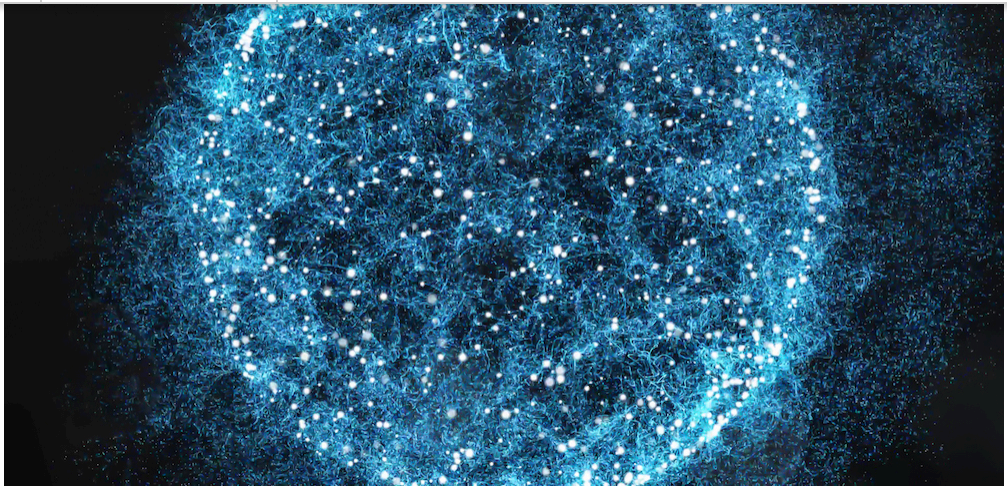
PCC 2021 Berlin Conference

We just finished the hybrid, 6-day PCC conference. The conference material will become available over the next weeks. A few impressions are already here.

Yet, we are writing today because we have another event planned for you!



What:
Policy Recommendations to Support Cooperative Ownership in the Digital Economy

When:
Monday, December 6th
12:00 pm EST (Noon, New York time)

Register for the event.

Despite the promise of revolutionizing work itself, the rise of “gig economy” has been disastrous. The platforms that dominate the gig economy are not only unprofitable but also exploitative: their aggressive expansion has weakened public infrastructure and labor protections, demonstrates harmful environmental effects, and has exacerbated inequality, especially during COVID-19. Building back better from the pandemic and designing a fairer economy requires a different solution. One way of remedying the abuses of privately-owned platforms is for governments to actively promote the establishment and use of platform cooperatives. Platform cooperatives do the same work that privately-owned platforms do. They match labor with customers. However, they are democratically governed organizations owned by workers, customers and other stakeholders that return a greater share of income to workers, increase labor protections, and build communities.

To launch the jointly published report, *Policy Recommendations to Support Cooperative Ownership in the Digital Economy*, The Berggruen Institute and the Platform Cooperativism Consortium bring together **Hilary Abell (Project Equity, USA)**, **Dr. PV Unnikrishnan (Kerala Government, India)**, and **Councillor Matthew Brown (Preston City Council, UK)** in conversation with the co-authors of the report: Dr. Trebor Scholz (PCC/The New School), Jonas

University Institute/PCC).

Download the report (PDF)

Our panelists will be discussing how policymakers, governments, and communities can cultivate a strong ecosystem for platform co-ops through policy and structural changes.

This event will be hosted by Dr. Yakov Feygin and Leila Lorenzo of the Berggruen Institute.

From the PCC

- **Interested In Our Fellowship?**
  At this time of the year, **we are looking for expressions of interest for our 2022 Fellowship.** We'll provide more details about the application process, deadlines, and requirements in the coming weeks. You can read the 2020 reports of our fellows **here**. We'll publish the reports by our 2021 fellows soon. For an early show of interest for the 2022 fellowship, tell us a little about yourself **here**.

- **Trebor Scholz' TED talk**
  The script is now also available in **Bahasa and Portuguese** (Hindi and Spanish translations will follow soon).

- **Newsletter Submission:**
  We would love to hear from you. If you'd like to contribute to this newsletter, please submit your event, article, or other news **here**.

Opportunities

- **Interested in a Fully-Funded PH.D.?**
  Nottingham Trent University's Fully-funded Ph.D. Studentship Scheme 2022
  "The candidate for this project should ideally have an interest in

Experience of working in these organizations would be desirable but is not essential. The project offers opportunities to develop interventions working with organizations attempting to democratise and learn from the process of engaging with and in organizations. It is envisaged that an interpretivist approach will be taken."
Apply **here**.

- **Drivers' Seat Is Looking for a Lead Software Engineer**
"Driver's Seat is an early-stage startup building a driver-owned data cooperative for gig economy workers. We're developing tools to solve important problems alongside the workers who represent a crucial and growing part of our economy, which requires thought and care in what we build and how we build it. As the lead engineer on our cross-functional team, you'll have the opportunity to join a company and a product from the start, working across every part of the stack to implement end-to-end features that improve daily work for drivers. You'll be responsible for owning the codebase, building and shipping products, and eventually growing an engineering team. The salary for this role is $150,000, with the opportunity to build an equity stake in the cooperative."
Apply **here**.

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The Platform Cooperativism Consortium is a grassroots organization that relies on the contributions from people who believe in alternatives to the digital economy.

We do research, policy analysis, and advocacy at the PCC. Additionally, we manage resources and organize global events. We teach and mentor future cooperative leaders while also growing a global network of supporters with the goal of creating and improving jobs through platform cooperatives. Would you consider helping us to realize our shared vision? Can you make a **contribution** today? **There is no us without you.**

If you are an organization, we invite you to consider joining the **PCC Circle of Cooperators**. If you want to learn about the benefits, **contact us** and we'll schedule a meeting.

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